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1. En route to Odessa, [ ] ship passed Mys Fontan, [ ] a lighthouse with a revolving radio beacon. Although not mentioned in the international handbook for navigators, this radio beacon operates 24 hours a day and every half hour it transmits the following signal: "R R R dash 20" repeated four times and followed by a five-minute silence, when it is again repeated four times and followed by a 23-minute silence. The wave length of the radio station is 309.57 CK/I (sic).
2. While [ ] in the port of Odessa, [ ] observed the following craft: 50X1-HUM
  - a. A naval training ship, of about 1,000 tons, used by the School of Merchant Marine Officers. This ship had no sails and was moored at the entrance of the harbor.
  - b. A 300-ton coast guard vessel, with a machine gun forward, moored near the naval training ship.
  - c. The Soviet passenger ship ROSSIYA, undergoing repairs at the same pier to which the coast guard vessel had moored.
  - d. Two Rumanian passenger ships, one of which was the TRANSILVANIA.
  - e. Four or five 100-ton tugboats.
  - f. A considerable, but undetermined, number of steel lighters, ranging in capacity from 100 to 700 tons.
3. It was noted that the depth of the water at the entrance to the harbor was about 40 feet, and within the harbor itself it ranged from 28 to 40 feet.

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5. There seemed to be no scarcity of food in Odessa and the basic food items were fairly inexpensive. The monthly salary of a supervisor of an office is about 1,000 rubles, while a port laborer receives about 650 rubles a month. The morale of the townspeople in Odessa seemed to be quite high and their attitude towards the foreign seamen was not unfriendly.

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